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SUMMARY: DUTCH ARE STRONG PROPONENTS OF EC COORDINATION WITH OTHER INTERNATIONAL GROUPINGS IN ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND POLICY FORMULATION BUT BELIEVE THIS AIM CAN BE BETTER ACHIEVED THROUGH CONTINUED PARTICIPATION OF EC MEMBER COUNTRIES IN THOSE GROUPINGS RATHER THAN BY URGING EC COUNCIL TO INSTRUCT COMMISSION TO COORDINATE. END SUMMARY.

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1. THIRD REFTEL REQUESTED HAGUE COMMENTS ON POSSIBLE DUTCH INITIATIVE IN EC COUNCIL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM TO URGE THAT COMMISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO CONSULT WITH USG AND OTHERS BEFORE EC ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY IS CRYSTALLIZED.

2. AS REPORTED SECOND REFTEL DUTCH ARE FULLY CONVINCED OF IMPORTANCE OF COORDINATION AMONG VARIOUS FORA DEALING WITH ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL HAGUE 1800 (NOTAL) IN WHICH WE REPORTED DESIRE OF MFA DIRECTOR FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION VAN SCHAIK TO DISCUSS TACTICS WITH HERTER ON PRECISELY THIS POINT. THAT DISCUSSION HAS SINCE TAKEN PLACE AND IT WAS ON DUTCH INITIATIVE THAT PERMREPS INCLUDED LANGUAGE IN THEIR PAPER FOR CONSIDERATION BY COUNCIL TO EFFECT THAT EC MEMBER COUNTRIES SHOULD CONTINUE TO WORK IN OECD, COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND UN FORA ON ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH AND COORDINATION.

3. MAIN QUESTION IN DUTCH MIND IS HOW BEST TO ACCOMPLISH OBJECTIVE OF EFFECTIVE COORDINATION WITHOUT STIMULATING COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE REACTION FROM EC CHAUVINISTS. ACCORDING TO VAN SCHAIK DUTCH REPRESENTATIVE AT COUNCIL MEETING (EITHER HEALTH MINISTER VOORINK OR MFA STATE SECRETARY BRINKHORST) WILL AGAIN ALLUDE TO WORK UNDER WAY TO BROADER INTERNATIONAL FRAMEWORK. DUTCH FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE NO FIRM DECISIONS ARE LIKELY IN EC BEFORE END OF 1974 IT MIGHT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE FOR US AND OTHER THIRD COUNTRIES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH DISCUSSIONS IN OECD ON SUCH TOPICS AS METALLIC WATER POLLUTANTS, WHICH WILL CLEARLY BE PART OF EC STUDY PROGRAM, AND SEEK TO FEED OECD FINDINGS INTO COMMISSION RATHER THAN TO PUSH FOR EC MANDATE WHICH REQUIRES COORDINATION WITH OUTSIDE ORGANIZATIONS.

4. DESPITE DUTCH DESIRE FOR COORDINATION IN BROADER FRAMEWORK THEY FEEL IT EQUALLY IMPORTANT THAT COUNCIL INSIST ON ACHIEVEMENT OF COMMON EC POSITION ON ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE WORK AMONG NINE. FRENCH APPARENTLY WOULD PREFER TO KEEP THEIR OPTIONS OPEN AND BE FREE TO ADOPT PURELY NATIONAL POLICY OR NEGOTIATE COMMON POLICY WITH THIRD COUNTRIES. DUTCH RECOGNIZE THAT FRENCH ATTITUDE MIGHT BE MORE CONGENIAL TO US POSITION THAN THEIR OWN BUT THEY WOULD STILL PREFER COMMON EC POSITION FOR INTERNAL EC REASONS.

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5. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, WE BELIEVE DUTCH WILL MENTION IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED EC MEMBER COUNTRY PARTICIPATION IN ONGOING ENVIRONMENTAL WORK IN OTHER FORA DURING COUNCIL MEETING BUT WILL NOT AT THIS STATE URGE THAT COMMISSION BE INSTRUCTED TO COORDINATE THEIR WORK WITH THOSE OTHER FORA.
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